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SUBJECT: POMPIDOU CALLS FOR REGULAR EC SUMMIT MEETINGS

1. FOLLOWING COUNCIL OF MINISTERS' MEETING OCTOBER 31, GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN PROVIDED FULL TEXT OF PRESIDENT POMPIDOU'S REMARKS AT MEETING IN WHICH THE PRESIDENT DEPLORED THE FACT THAT EUROPE DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN RECENT CONSULTATIONS TO END THE CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST. AN EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF POMPIDOU'S REMARKS IS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE: IT DOES NOT SEEM TO ME NECESSARY TO RECALL THE FRENCH POSITION ON THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT NOR TO REAFFIRM THAT WE ARE READY TO HELP AS BEST WE CAN, UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, TO ESTABLISH A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE GUARANTEEING THE SECURITY OF ALL THE STATES IN THE REGION. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE ARE OBLIGED TO RECOGNIZE, IN THE LIGHT OF THE LATEST EVENTS, THAT THE CESSATION OF COMBAT AND EFFORTS TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS WERE PREPARED AND PUT INTO EFFECT WITHOUT ANY PARTICIPATION OF EUROPE, UNDER ANY TITLE WHATSOEVER.

THIS MANNER OF PROCEEDING IS DANGEROUS, EXPERIENCE HAVING SHOWN THAT A TETE-A-TETE BETWEEN THE TWO GREAT POWERS, THE US AND THE USSR, CAN AS WELL SERVE DETENTE AS LEAD TO A GENERAL CONFRONTATION. IT (THIS WAY OF HANDLING CRISIS) DOES NOT CORRESPOND TO THE ROLE WHICH SHOULD BE PLAYED BY THE COUNTRIES OF EUROPE DIRECTLY INTERESTED IN THE MIDDLE EAST BY HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY AND ALL KINDS OF TIES WITH THE MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES WHICH ARE INVOLVED THROUGH THEIR ESSENTIAL ECONOMIC INTERESTS.

FOR THESE REASONS AS WELL AS OTHERS, AND WHILE REAFFIRMING THE FIDELITY TO OUR ALLIANCES AND TO COOPERATION WITH THE EAST, IT APPEARS TO ME INDISPENSABLE TO PUT TO THE TEST THE SOLIDITY OF
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THE EUROPEAN CONSTRUCTION AS WELL AS ITS CAPACITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SOLUTION OF WORLD PROBLEMS.

THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE THUS PLANS TO PROPOSE TO ITS PARTNERS:

(A) - - IN THE POLITICAL AREA - - THAT IT BE DECIDED IN PRINCIPLE, FOLLOWING PRECISE RULES, TO HOLD REGULAR MEETINGS AMONG THE CHIEFS OF STATE AND OF GOVERNMENT WITH THE GOAL OF COMPARING

AND HARMONIZING THEIR ATTITUDES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF POLITICAL COOPERATION. THE FIRST OF THESE MEETINGS SHOULD BE HELD BEFORE THE END OF 1973. FURTHER, THAT FIRST MEETING SHOULD DECIDE ON A PROCEDURE FOR URGENTLY BRINGING TOGETHER IN CASE OF CRISIS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINE GOVERNMENTS WHO WOULD BE CHARGED WITH THE TASK OF DEFINING AND PROPOSING IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY A COMMON ATTITUDE OF THE GOVERNMENTS. (B) - - IN THE ECONOMIC AND MONETARY AREA - - THAT AN EARLY MEETING OF THE FINANCE MINISTERS PROPOSE TO THE NINE GOVERNMENTS MEASURES NECESSARY TO ASSURE THE STABILITY OF THEIR CURRENCIES AND TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO RESIST SPECULATIVE MOVEMENTS; THAT A MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC MINISTERS ESTABLISH A CONCRETE PLAN TO FIGHT INFLATION, MADE ALL THE MORE NECESSARY BY INCREASES IN ENERGY PRICES. THESE TWO MEETINGS SHOULD TAKE PLACE WITH THE USUAL PARTICIPATION OF THE COMMISSION. END QUOTE.

2. GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT PRESIDENT POMPIDOU HAS SENT LETTERS TO EACH OF THE EIGHT CHIEFS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY MAKING THESE PROPOSALS. IRWIN

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